

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Aime et al.	Confirmation No.: 7608
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Examiner:	Schlientz, L.	
For:	PROCEDURES OF CELLULAR LABELING WITH PARAMAGNETIC COMPLEXES FOR MRI APPLICATIONS	
Art Unit:	1618	

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This *Amendment and Response to Office Action* is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2008. A response to the November 18, 2008 Office Action was originally due on February 18, 2009. Applicants are concurrently filing a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the response deadline up to and including May 18, 2009. Thus this *Amendment and Response to Office Action* is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on 5 page of this paper.